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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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SHAWN K. LEE, LPN	:	
License No. 26NP05130500	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	REINSTATING LICENSE
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Shawn K. Lee's (Respondent's) petition to reinstate his license as a Licensed Practical Nurse. By Final Order of Discipline filed on June 16, 2010, Respondent's New Jersey nursing license was suspended until he cooperated with a Board investigation concerning an April 2009 drug-related arrest. On July 24, 2012, a Consent Order for Reinstatement of License was entered imposing a reprimand, a civil monetary penalty, and requiring Respondent to enroll and

participate in the Board's intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP).

Subsequently, Respondent allowed his license to lapse when it expired on May 31, 2013. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), any professional license not renewed within 30 days of its expiration date shall be suspended without a hearing. As such, Respondent's license was suspended as of June 30, 2013. Respondent submitted an application to reinstate a lapsed license which he signed and dated July 27, 2014.

Five days after the date of the application, namely on August 1, 2014, Respondent was arrested by members of the Garfield Police and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11 (Shoplifting). On August 6, 2014 in Garfield Municipal Court, Respondent was found guilty of shoplifting and assessed fines and costs totaling four hundred sixty-five dollars (\$465).

After the arrest and conviction, Respondent returned to RAMP for an updated comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation over the course of three months. RAMP reports that Respondent met all expectations of the program, the evaluator recommended that there be no limitations on his return to practice, and RAMP supports the reinstatement of Respondent's license.

The Board finds that Respondent has been convicted of a crime relating adversely to nursing and is therefore subject to discipline within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Shoplifting is adverse to the practice of nursing because nurses care for vulnerable populations who may not be able to secure and protect their personal belongings while under the care of a nurse. The public expects nurses to be trustworthy, and Respondent's conviction for shoplifting erodes that trust.

The Board finding that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 22nd day of May, 2015

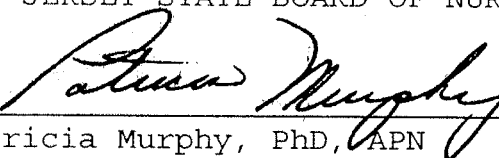
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent's petition to reinstate his license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey shall be granted after Board review and approval of a reinstatement application, including fees, continuing education, and a criminal history background check if required.
2. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for his violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).
3. A two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty is hereby imposed for Respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-

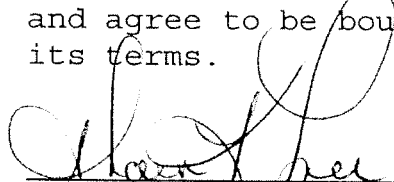
21(f). Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.


Shawn K. Lee, LPN
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